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Sunset Forest

Mission

Statement:

Protecting The Unique Character of Mackinac Island.

Promoting Public Safety For Property Owners, Their Families and Guests.

Preserving Mackinac Island's Victorian Style of Architecture.

Encouraging Neighborly Social Interaction Between Property Owners.

Sewer and Water Conveyance Completed!

The good news is that we finally have the water and sewer line Conveyance completed for Manors I-V. Last August we received a letter from Mr. R.D. Musser, Chairman of the Department of Public Works, and Grand Hotel, requesting that we turn over the Water and Sewer lines to the City. The letter also stated that if we do not turn them over, The Manors and those who own property would be responsible for their repair and maintenance.

In order to complete this task, it was necessary for Manors I-V to again become legal entities as the original incorporation documents filed with the State expired several years ago. A committee was formed with representatives from Manors I-IV and with the help of the law firm of Bensinger, Cotant & Menkes,

of Gaylord all of the required legal documents were filed and Manors I-IV were again legal corporations.

After all of that work was completed, officers and directors were elected and the first required meeting was called to order. At this initial meeting, we elected officers and voted on whether or not we should Convey the Sewer and Water Lines to the City. Ballots were sent to all property owners as well as Proxy Ballots for those who could not make the meeting. The result of the election was overwhelmingly in favor of the Conveyance. Documents were signed and then turned over to Mr. Musser, Bruce Zimmerman, Mayor Doud and legal departments.

After the Conveyance for Man-

ors I-IV was completed we began to get Manor V completed. This was a little different than the other Manors as they did not want to reorganize their Association. We consulted with legal counsel and established a forum in which the City would be satisfied in accepting the Water and Sewer Conveyance. Legal Documents were prepared and we got all ten property owners to agree on turning them over and each signed the required papers thus completing the task that was started almost one year ago.

Sincere thanks to everyone for your help in the tedious process, and a special thanks to Mr. Musser for his help to allow us the extra time needed to complete this process.

Story By: Steve Rilenge

History of Sunset Forest...

John B Dousman, George D Dousman, Martha A Dousman, Erastus B Woolcott & wife Eliza Jane in 1855, signed off on their portions of Private Claim 2 & 3 to Talbot C Dousman on December 10, 1855. The following year HG Backus, James Dunac Doty & Lyndsey Ward executors of the Last Will & Testament of Michael Dousman who was now deceased, sold their prop-

erties also to Talbot C Dousman on June 28, 1856 for a consideration of \$9679. Talbot and his wife Jean Ann sold a piece or parcel of land described as Lot 2 on the connected plate of Private Claims on Mackinac Island, MI and patented to Simon Champaign, being the border of Lake Huron bounded on the W Line, Lot No 3 on November 2, 1864 to Michael Early

for a consideration of \$1,000.

Donate a Light!

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Join Mackinac Associates....

Sunset Forest Association Members: Join Mackinac Associates and become a Mackinac "insider"!

Mackinac Associates is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization formed to support the historic and environmental initiatives of Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP). Members receive benefits that include free unlimited admission to Mackinac State Historic Parks four historic sites (Fort Mackinac, Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse); subscription to *Curiosities*,

Mackinac Associates quarterly newsletter; opportunity to purchase reduced price passes for your guests; 15% discount at the six museum stores; and much more, dependent upon level of membership. Members receive invitations to many MSHP and Associates events ~ a great way to meet other Mackinac supporters.

Membership dues support a variety of programs including exhibits, publications, building preservation, living history programs, and the Education

Outreach Program, that provides in-classroom history education at schools throughout the state each winter. Mackinac Associates members share a love of the Straits of Mackinac region and want to preserve and share its rich history and unique lifestyle.

For information on becoming a member and categories of membership, contact Diane Dombroski, Membership Coordinator at (231)436-4100 or e-mail at : dombrosd@michigan.gov.

We hope you will join today and become a part of the Mackinac family!

Thank you to the many Sunset Forest Association members who are dedicated supporters of Mackinac Associates. We appreciate your involvement.

Best wishes,
Marta J. Olson
President
Mackinac Associates

SFA Sponsors Grand Traverses Pipe and Drum Band for the Parade



"Island Resident
Opens Business on
Mackinac"!



Adrienne, Piper and Violet proudly carry the SFA Banner in front of the Grand Traverse Pipe & Drum Band.

The Sunset Forest Association donates to The 56th Lilac Festival Parade. The Association's contribution helped the Grand Traverse Pipe and Drum Band come back to Mackinac once again to be in the parade.

Planning an
event?

Call Kim
Kolatski for
assistance.

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Above: One of The
Customized Wine Labels

Customized Memories of Mackinac....

Cindy Frez - Stonecliffe Manor II property owner sees business opportunity on Mackinac.

Cindy has been involved in the gourmet food business for over ten years from higher end retail to sales representatives for several gourmet food companies.

Cindy gained considerable experience in the rapidly growing market of creative private labeling. Cindy is particularly proud to offer premium wines made from European Vinifera grapes and produced at family-run boutique winery in Michigan.

No matter what the occasion, Cindy will help to create customized favors for your special event to ensure that your Mackinac memories feel "just right" in a delightful way.

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Researcher Uncovers Trove of Fort Mackinac Records at National Archives in Washington, D.C.

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Mackinac Island, Mich. - An independent researcher has uncovered over 5,000 pages of U.S. Army quartermaster records from Mackinac Island's Fort Mackinac in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The documents, dating to the 1820s and 1830s, will be reproduced and added to the Mackinac State Historic Parks collection.

The Tawani Foundation of Chicago, Illinois made the research possible with a \$5,200 grant to Mackinac State Historic Parks.

"We are very grateful for the generosity and support of the Tawani Founda-

tion," said Phil Porter, director of the Mackinac parks. "It is an organization that truly understands the importance of history and demonstrates its commitment to preservation."

The duplicate documents, identified by independent researcher Bruce Hawkins, will be available to researchers in the Straits of Mackinac region at the parks' research facilities in Mackinaw City and on Mackinac Island. The data will provide valuable details about the history of Fort Mackinac, and will assist the Mackinac parks in restoration, interpretation and publication programs.

"This is the type of critical, ground-level research that we need in order to develop and expand our understanding of Michigan's past," said Steve Brisson,

chief curator for Mackinac State Historic Parks.

"Quartermaster records of food, equipment, and supplies sent to Fort Mackinac may seem mundane, but from them we may determine what soldiers ate, what they wore, and the original colors used in painting their quarters."

Porter, author of several books about Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island, expressed excitement at the prospect of reviewing the information. "These records were created at Fort Mackinac, sent to Washington and filed away," said Porter. "Most likely, no one has seen them in over 150 years."

The Tawani Foundation promotes knowledge and understanding through the direct support of individuals and organizations dedicated

to historical preservation, health and wellness, and environmental conservation. In 2004, the Tawani Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to reprint War 1812, a Mackinac State Historic Parks publication.



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Vintage Baseball Game July 23rd



The Fort Mackinac Never Sweats will host downstate rivals the Rochester Grangers on Saturday, July 23 at 7 p.m. in a game of vintage baseball.

This is the third meeting between the two clubs, with the Grangers dealing the Never Sweats a lop-sided 8-0 defeat in the inaugural match and the island team redeeming itself 4-3 last year. The Grangers and Never Sweats play "base ball" as it was meant to be played, barehanded and by gentleman's rules. Spectators are assured a good time, as they learn old fashioned cheers and watch players get fined for infractions like sliding or smoking on the field!

Test Your Mackinac Trivia, July 28th



Above right: Team "Father Jim's Babes", Mayor Doud, Katie Cederholm & Val Porter winners of the 2004 Trivia Tournament.

Mackinac Associates, a friends group dedicated to preserving Mackinac's heritage, hosts the 2nd annual Great Turtle Trivia Bowl Fundraiser on Thursday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. Teams vie against each other in a single elimination jeopardy style tournament. Last year's inaugural competition was a hilarious success, with emcee Stu Stuart trading barbs with feisty competitors over a wide range of Mackinac trivia questions. Admission is free, with donations to Mackinac Associates happily accepted. Form your own team or sponsor a team - contact Diane Dombrski at 231-436-4100 for information.

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Take a Tour of the Michigan Governor's Summer Residence.

Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through August 24, the Michigan Governor's Summer Residence on Mackinac Island is open for tours by the public. These tours are free and are hosted by a dedicated team of volunteer docents who explain the features and history of the 1902 cottage.



Upcoming August Events:

- 4th—Jammin' for the Arts
- 6th—3rd Annual Hunter Pace
- 6th—Wawashkamo Battle Day Golf Tournament.
- 6th—Blacksmith Convention 11am-6pm
- 7th—5th Annual Fun & Games Horse Show

Events Calendar

July 23-27: The 81st annual Race to Mackinac hosted by the Bayview Yacht Club.

July 23: Fort Mackinac Vintage Baseball Classic 7 pm.

July 26: The 2nd Bi Annual Tack Sale. Chambers Paddock, 11am-4pm.

July 28: Mackinac Associates—Great Turtle Trivia Bowl Fundraiser II, 7:30pm.

July 31: Mackinac Horsemen Association 4-H Fundraiser. Lemonade and Stable Tour. Mission Hill Stable, 1pm-3pm

7th Annual Fundraiser. Horses, Hoofbeats & Hor D'ouerves, Mission Hill Stable, 4pm-6pm.